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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CANCER SURVEILLANCE SERVICES
AGREEMENT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

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patient-centered, cost-effective health
care to Los Angeles County residents
through direct services at DHS facilities
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Request approval of an amendment to extend the term of an existing agreement with the University of Southern California for the continued provision of cancer surveillance services at Department of Health Services facilities.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of Health Services, (Director) or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement H-700786 with University of Southern California (USC), to extend the Agreement term, effective upon Board approval, for the period December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017, for the continued provision of State mandated cancer surveillance reporting activities at LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC), Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, and Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center at an estimated combined cost of \$345,813 for the extension period.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to execute future amendments to the Agreement, to add other Department of Health Services (DHS) facilities, as needed, subject to prior approval by County Counsel and notice to the Board and Chief Executive Office.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The State California-Health and Human Services Agency-California Department of Public Health (State) mandates hospitals to abstract cancer cases and file with the USC Cancer Surveillance Program, the State designated Cancer Registry for the County of Los Angeles (Region 9) under California Assembly Bill (AB) 136, within six months of the date of patient's first admission. Under the Agreement, USC provides a Certified Tumor Registrar to abstract cancer cases and report to the State. Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Director, or his designee, to execute an amendment, substantially similar to Exhibit I, to ensure there is no break in DHS' ability to comply with the State's mandates.

The current agreement is due to expire on November 30, 2012.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cancer surveillance service is fee-for-service and reimbursement to USC is dependent on the number of completed abstracts. USC will invoice the County monthly in arrears at the rate of \$45 per completed abstract and \$55/per delinquent case.

The combined cost for the five-year extension period is estimated to be \$345,813. Attachment A provides additional details.

Funding is included in DHS' Fiscal Year 2012-13 Final Budget and will be requested for future fiscal years, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On December 7, 2004, the Board approved an agreement with USC through November 30, 2006, with a one-year optional renewal through November 30, 2007, for cancer surveillance services for the fourth and fifth districts.

On November 21, 2006, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 to this Agreement for the addition of the first district (inclusive of LAC+USC MC), with authority for DHS to add other County facilities, if necessary, through November 30, 2012.

The Cancer Surveillance service is not a Proposition A Agreement because the services are provided on an intermittent and as needed basis and, therefore, not subject to the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201).

The Agreement may be terminated for convenience by the County upon 30 days advance written notice to the Contractor.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit I as to form.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DHS to remain in compliance with State mandated reporting of cancer cases by County hospitals

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mitchell" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Katz".

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors